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PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

Johan Andersson et al.

Serial No.: 09/751,268

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For: EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application and includes the transmitted herewith attachments of the same date and subject which are incorporated hereunto by reference. The signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachments in absence of a signature thereto.

Transmitted herewith in the above-identified application are:

- 1) Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- 2) Preliminary Amendment; and
- 3) Postcard Acknowledgment.

____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

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_____ A verified statement claiming small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

X No additional fee is required.

_____ The Fee for entering the attached Amendment is calculated below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST # PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		SMALL ENTITY RATE		LARGE ENTITY RATE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>36</u>	-	<u>36</u> (at least 20)	=	<u> </u> (at least 0)	x9	=	<u>OR</u>	x18	= \$ <u> </u>
INDEP. CLAIMS	<u>4</u>	-	<u>4</u> (at least 3)	=	<u> </u> (at least 0)	x40	=	<u>OR</u>	x80	= \$ <u> </u>

FIRST PRESENTATION OF PROPER MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS
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FEE FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS \$

_____ IDS ATTACHED REQUIRES OFFICIAL FEE - ADD \$240 (RULE 1.97(c)) OR \$130 (RULE 1.97(d)) PETITION) \$

_____ Assignment Recordation Fee (\$40) \$

_____ IF TERMINAL DISCLAIMER attached add Rule 20(d) Official Fee \$55 (Small Entity) \$110 (Large Entity) \$

_____ **Petition is hereby made** under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached:

	Small Entity	Large Entity
One Month	<u> </u> \$ 55	<u> </u> \$110
Two Months	<u> </u> \$195	<u> </u> \$390
Three Months	<u> </u> \$445	<u> </u> \$890
Four Months	<u> </u> \$695	<u> </u> \$1390

ADDITIONAL FEE FOR EXTENDED RESPONSE \$

Applicant has not been notified that the requested extension will not be permitted. The present application is not involved in an interference declared pursuant to 37 CFR 1.611.

TOTAL FEES \$ -0-

_____ A check in the amount of \$ to cover the TOTAL FEE is attached. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0447.

_____ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 10-0447 in the amount of \$ to cover the TOTAL FEE. This sheet is attached in duplicate.

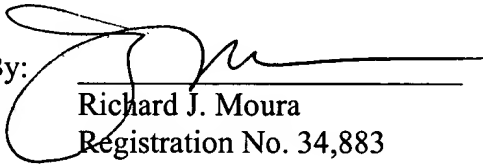
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CHARGE STATEMENT: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and may be required under 37 CFR 1.16-1.18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and for the resulting Official Document under 37 CFR 1.20, OR credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 10-0447, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Prior to a first Office Action on the above-referenced Application for patent, please amend the Application as follows: